

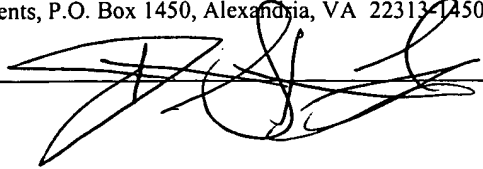
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**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Inventor: Pearson

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Application No.: 10/669,132

Examiner: Not Assigned

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Title: Systems and methods for consumers to purchase  
health care and related products

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

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